**Sunday Service Registration**

You **MUST** register each week for Sunday Services. You may do so by emailing sjtetopsail@nfld.net or by calling the parish office @ 834-2336, **before noon on Thursdays**. If there is no answer, please leave a message. The maximum number of people that can attend a service is 100, which includes the clergy, choir and volunteers. We suggest that you register as early as possible. **Masks must be worn by all people at all times and may only be removed to receive the Eucharist.**

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***Sentence***

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

***Collect***

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen

***Prayer after Communion***

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ’s name. Amen

**Readings:**

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

Psalm: 19 Refrain: **The Heavens declare the glory of God.**

Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18

Diocesan Bishop: The Right Reverend Samuel Rose

Diocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene Taylor

Priest-in-Charge: The Reverend Jotie Noel, T.S.S.F.

Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa Cox

Organists/Choir Director : Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-Ledwell

Parish Wardens: Sharon Smith and Rex Hillier

Office Administrator: Madonna Scott

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**The Bulletin is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:**

 **Fathers, Lewis L. Hutchings & James P. Squarey**

**By**

**Arthur & Dianne Squarey**

**Our Parish Mission Statement**

**We believe in nurturing a community of faith dedicated to inclusion, support and sharing the story of God's love with all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual journey**

****Pentecost 4

*National Indigenous Day of Prayer*

In 2010 I was elected to the Council of General Synod at the General Synod in Halifax. This offered me the pleasure to serve on the Council of General Synod from 2010 to 2013. I met many wonderful Christians, who like me, lived through the Anglican expression of faith.

At one of our meetings, Archdeacon, now Bishop Sidney Black, led us through the ceremony called *Honouring the Four Directions* in the context of prayer outdoors on the grounds of the Retreat Center. Bishop Black is a member of the [Blackfoot Confederacy](https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/blackfoot-nation) from [Siksika First Nation](http://siksikanation.com/wp/) and has served in ministry with Indigenous peoples for many years, including leadership roles at the national level of our Church. Bishop Sidney’s ministry gives expression to ongoing work on a new movement in our church as Indigenous Anglicans seek to create a self-determining church within the [Anglican Church of Canada](https://www.anglican.ca/).

Sharing membership with Bishop Sidney and other Indigenous people on the Council of General Synod certainly broadened my learning and experience of the Anglican Church in Canada. Acknowledging our Church’s history in Canada has brought the Anglican Church to denounce and repudiate the ‘Doctrine of Discovery’ in 2010. As articulated in one of the resources made available to celebrate the National Indigenous Day of Prayer, “Undoing the ‘Doctrine of Discovery’s damage and living into right relations is the work belonging to all of us for generations to come.”

Setting aside a Sunday in the life of our faith community here in St. John the Evangelist is appropriate and respectful of our unique national faith heritage. As we continue to walk in faith alongside our Indigenous brothers and sisters we will use this opportunity through *Honouring the Four Directions* and [*A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church*](https://www.anglican.ca/im/nidp/litany-healing-restoration-church/) *- Resource from the Diocese of Rupert’s Land* to facilitate and assist our observance.

Affirming our unity in Baptism we pray:

There is one body and one Spirit, There is one hope in God’s call to us;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death

and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin

and brought *us* to yourself, and that by the sealing of your

Holy Spirit you have bound *us* to your service. Renew in *us*,

your servants the covenant you made with *us* at *our* baptism.

Send *us* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the

service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 ***Prayer for our Parish Family***

*Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down thy heavenly blessing upon thy Church in this Parish, that all its members may dwell together in unity and steadfast love. Keep far from us all self-will and discord. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness, and enable them faithfully to dispense thy holy Word and Sacraments, to bring again the outcasts, and to seek the lost. Grant that we may so receive their ministry, and use thy means of grace, that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory and the advancement of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP revised)*

**Tri-Diocesan Intercessions**

**Parish of Isle aux Morts/Fox Roost/Margaree**

Priest-in-Charge - The Rev. Nathan Cutler

**Parish of Pasadena/Cormack**

Priest-in-Charge - The Rev. Amy Richter

**People who are sick who have asked us to pray for them**

Salem, Michael C., Randy S., Eleanor M., Fred T., Violet B., Glen B.

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**Our Commitment to be Inclusive**

At our recent Vestry Meeting it was brought to our attention that we might be more accommodating for people who are hearing impaired. Readers of the lessons will be offered a clear mask so that members of the congregation might be assisted with lip reading. It was noted that lip reading accompanied by sound can make a tremendous difference for listeners. Readers are encouraged to read slowly. People who are hearing impaired might consider sitting at the front of the Church during services. We continue to enable all who worship with us to engage fully in our services.

In keeping with Diocesan Synod Office, the Parish Office will be **CLOSED** **on Monday, June 21st** for the June Holiday

(formerly known as Discovery Day).